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Choice Poetry.

THE OLD COTTAGE CLOCK.

[The following poem will doubtless send many a reader to the little volume from which it is taken—*Leaves of Life*, by Mrs. Hemans, of Dublin. The *Literary*, the youngest poem of the book, is a curiosity of its class: it is simply a narrative of the marriage, death, and burial of a cricket, and indeed possesses, if not, larger, is more and curious interest, but full of the poetry both of the metaphor and the allusions. The shorter poems have the usual elements of power, simplicity, pathos, and religious feeling by which the name of Charles Swain immediately introduced to a wide circle of "the gentle and the good."]

Oh! the old, old clock, of the household nook
With the brightest thing and meanest;
Its hands, though old, had a touch of gold,
And its chime sang still the evenest.
'Twas a mansion, too, though its words were few,
Yet they lived, though sentence uttered;
And its voice, still strong, warned old and young,
When the voice of friend lay hidened.
"Tick, tick," it said;—"quick, quick, to bed—
For two I've given warning;
Up, up, and go, or else, you know,
You'll never see dawn in the morning!"

A friendly voice was that old, old clock,
As it stood in the corner seating,
And learned the time with a merry chime,
The wintry hours beguiling;
But a mournful voice was that tiresome clock,
As it called at daybreak boldly,
When the form looked grey o'er the misty way,
And the early air blew coldly;
"Tick, tick," it said;—"quick, out of bed,
For five I've given warning;
You'll never have health, you'll never get wealth,
Unless you're up soon in the morning."

Still homely the sound goes round and round,
With a tone almost human uttering;
While some are tired for the bright days fled,
And the old friend's last farewell!
Its tones I never more shall see pass
That warmer bond and pulsator;
He hastens on, though he sees me gone
Are clasped on earth no longer!
"Tick—tick," it said;—"is the church-yard bed,
The grave inch given warning—
Up, up, and rise, and look to the skies,
And prepare for a Heavenly morning."

Original Novelet.

THE BRIDE OF THE WILDERNESS.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST,
BY FRANCIS HERBERT HENRY,
Author of "Yemas," "Clara Howard," "Forest Hill," "Parson Peterkin," "Kate Clarence," etc. etc., etc.

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CHAPTER XXV.

AN ECSTASY.

"Gertrude! Miss Wilburn!" exclaimed Graham, labouring under the most intense excitement, as he bent over her prostrate form;—"in Heaven's name, what has occurred to distress you? Answer me that you are living! Oh! speak!" he continued—"if only one word—that word my answer—that I may know you live, and a consciousness who is now by your side!"

But Gertrude made not a sound in reply; there was not even a quiver of her bloodless lips: all the faculties, save that of consciousness, were lost: the mind knew—the mind answered—the mind heard—the mind felt; but the tenement, the body—was for the time dead. The eyes were wide open, and fixed upon the face of Graham; but the pupils had the bright and glassy look of the eyes we sometimes see in figures at wax. There was not even a twinkle—not the slightest movement of the long dark lashes. The breath too had stopped, the bosom had ceased to heat, the blood no longer coursed through its regular channels, and the limbs had become hard, rigid, and inflexible. Yet the mind, as we said before, was consciously alive to sensations, if we may use the term; for Gertrude not only saw what was taking place, but seemingly knew into the bargain—for every word heard what was said, but seemingly the unnatural thoughts.

It was, indeed, a terrible shock, this sudden deliverance from an awful fate, by the hand of one she had deemed dead, and whose memory had long mourned as dead, and no one could tell what might be the result. Nature had previously been tried to the last ordeal, and almost exhausted, had stimulated the system to bear up against crushing grief, appalling horror, direful calamities, want of needful food, and loss of rest; but sudden deliverance, sudden joy, sudden gratification, powerfully bore down through the tender chords of love, produced a too sudden expansion of the heart of the blood, that medical men would probably term an ecstasy.

Cutting the cords which bound her limbs, Graham, still pleading for her to speak to him, lifted the rigid form of Gertrude from where it had fallen, and bore it to the cabin door, and laid her upon the bank, and laid her gently on the ground; while a number of his men—for he was the leader of the party who had come to the rescue—silently gathered around him.

"Oh! what can be done?" he exclaimed (aloud;—"if she be not already dead, hear a poor wretch's prayer, and restore her to life. Here, Doctor—Doctor!" he cried, looking wildly and hastily around upon the by-standers—"is there a surgeon in the band? is there a physician? Quick! quick! perhaps she may be saved."

Three of the party instantly bounded away to the vessel's boats, and returned immediately by the clashing the rigid limbs of Gertrude, not knowing before that she had fainted, in the hasty and rendering animation. He was disappointed, when Dr. Hartwell joined the group. He was a surgeon in the regular army. He was an old and familiar acquaintance of the young Captain—the father of the one being his intimate friend.

"Well, George," he said, gladly—"what's this I what's this?"

"This is one of whom you have heard me speak, Doctor," replied Graham: "—and, if not dead, the only one, I fear, of Major Hargrave's household who has escaped being butchered by our hellish foes. Quick! Doctor—tell me as only know!"

The Surgeon stooped down; and after a careful, but hurried examination of the fair maiden, replied,

"I think she yet lives, George—I think life is still here—the rightness of the limbs not positively tolerable life; but it is a very critical case, my friend—a very critical case."

"Oh! Doctor, save her! save her!" cried Graham; "and my gratitude shall know no limit."

"I will do what I can—but God alone can save her," responded the Surgeon.

He ripped up the dress of Gertrude as he spoke; and instead of applying restoratives to her arm, he took out his lancet, and opened a vein. But the blood did not follow.

"I fear it is a hopeless case, George," he said.

Graham groaned aloud with the agony of his feelings.

"Try the other arm!" he gasped.

All this occurred, the man who had been for water returned, with their drinking cups filled, which they offered to their leader. Almost mouthing the cups from their hands, the so-called young Captain, without a moment's hesitation, dashed the contents of the water into the upturned face of Gertrude. A slight spasmodic start followed this sudden application, and at the same instant the blood started forth.

"Thank God for that!" cried the Doctor: "there is some hope now."

"Oh, sir! do you think she will live?" inquired the Captain, in a low, eager, tremulous tone.

"I think we shall bring back life—but God alone knows whether or not she will be able to keep it or not," was the answer.

The blood was now spurting forth in a strong, steady stream; and the Surgeon paused upon it with a degree of satisfaction which he did not attempt to conceal. For some two or three minutes not another word was spoken; and every eye, riveted upon the face and form of the fair prisoner, watched for the first touches of returned. At length the rigid muscles began to relax, the deathly pallor of the cheek became like the glassy look began to disappear from the eyes, the light began to cover and droop, and the lips, slightly parting, began to quiver, as if about to give utterance to intelligible sounds.

"I think you, Doctor," he said, now fully convinced—so fatality, indeed, that the words could just be caught by those who breathlessly listened.

As this was said, the iris were raised again, as by an effort, and the eyes, pleading with intelligence, were for a single moment fixed upon the anxious countenance of George Graham. Tears seemed to be a world of emotion in that look, brief as it was; and as the lids closed again, Graham, unconsciously to himself, pressed his lips to those now pale, lovely features, he felt his heart beat and throb with a strange, indescribable emotion. He grasped the Doctor's arm, with a trembling hand, and in a voice that seemed to come from the very depths of his soul, said:

"Can she live?"

"I do not know—perhaps—the symptoms are favorable," was the reply of the man of science, as he applied the lancet to the bandage and stop the flow of blood. He then left her to the kind attention of "The Sycamore" the Rose-Bud, George, and the Captain, every tender-hearted one taking some new pain

Foreign Letter.

SKETCHES OF TRAVEL.

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[illegible] to the point of meeting on the one side or the other the wishes of Hungary. I cannot here enter into the details of the negotiation, and to which all eyes are now turned with hope or fear. Every one is ready to acknowledge that in the hands of Austria the decision whether she will or will not be a long and general one, or whether it is to be a speedy and definitive one, depends entirely.

In a speedy close by the institution of Russia. The people of Austria flatter themselves not a little with the conviction which prevails in the world generally to think, or at least to their self-sufficiency the issue of the articles which appeared in the Times and Chronicle of London, upon which appeared in 1848 and 1849. That Austria, they say, was under the influence of Russia, and that she was ready to fall a prey to dissolution; nor she be looked upon to the weight of power in whose hands rest the great interests of Europe, and I cannot neither the spirit of the age, or the character of the Emperor, or of the Austrian Cabinet, to think that the final end at the counsels of the conference will be the dismemberment of the Austrian Empire. I am not prepared to say what will be the result of the negotiations with Hungary, but I should be surprised if they were to be stayed.

Will Austria then take part with Russia? I, for one, do not believe that she will do anything of the kind. I should be unworthy the name of a newspaper correspondent, if I had not access to the most authentic sources, if I did not seek for information from the most [illegible] channels, if I was not in a position to form my own opinion, for or in favor of the policy, and the indispensable necessities of Austria, more than from the "highest authority," or the appearance of the Czar. Emperor as he goes to a ball or takes a ride, or from the [illegible] of the Russian Ambassador, that Austria will not, to say extent, become the tool of Russia. If we look in the first place at the causes which might induce the Emperor to take the part of his former ally, we shall find them reduced to the merest shadow. As for his services during the late revolution, personal friendship and admiration of the Czar, and a tolerably strong sympathy in political sympathies and principles. All for so gratitude is concerned, we see that there is not much gratitude required on that score. Disinterested assistance on the part of one nation to another, very rarely occurs. Even when it does occur, reach a romantic pitch as to sacrifice the interests of one's own people. Besides the Personal friendship and admiration of the Czar will hardly carry him further. Such expressions are not unfrequently addressed to princes, but when the disinvestment of a neighboring state is at hand, a disinvestment full of peril to Austria. The latter cannot then in the only one of moment, and there is scarcely a question that if the Emperor of Austria is a [illegible], or a [illegible] in, he would institute but a little while as to what course he should adopt. Personal friendship and France he has nothing to hope for, but every thing to fear, in case of a revolution, in his own dominions, which he would [illegible] he kept for sacrifice in that event.

But we do not believe that for any reasons he has refusing his support to Russia, that seem to leads it doubtful whether that he should grant it. Austria and Russia and the Czar will consider the sequences and troubles of a war as [illegible] to [illegible] of necessity, for breaking his promise not to incorporate the Danubian principalities in his Empire, and that his appeals to [illegible] which he had broken with the Sultan, would be [illegible] satisfied with such a morsel. The position of Russia since the conclusion of the peace of Paris, is immediate contact with those parts of the Austrian Empire allied by race, language, religion and barbarism to Russia sensible to one of such immense peril to the House of Austria, which none but a madman can overlook it. If the Emperor can for a moment believe that Nicholas would not foment disturbances, and induce the separation of the Sclavonic provinces, he believes what no other sane man in his dominions believes. By granted that the present Czar, actuated by disinterestedness and magnanimity which he has failed to show in his conservatory, as any nothing prince could create in Hungary, would not, future rulers of Russia would hardly be so scrupulous. The success of Austria, by the assistance of Austria, would rob the House of Hapsburg of half of its possessions in the course of the next twenty years, and erase Austria from the map of Europe, or leave it nothing but its German subjects, reducing it at most to a second rate power.

But terminate for the definion of this question, the Emperor of Austria is not a man to sacrifice domestic research, though we call Austria an absolute monarchy. There is, after all, some power in the people, and even in Austria it seems that the people were raised to a pitch of religious fanaticism by the Romish priesthood are now a power behind the throne greater than the throne itself. In a question which vitally affected the prerogatives of the throne, the Emperor of Austria would now, as he has before, learn the united sentiment of his people. It is an issue which affects him indirectly, or rather in which his interests are identical with those of his people. It is hardly to be believed that he will needlessly open three wounds that are yet scarcely healed, and which the people of Austria are well nigh unanimous in this question, and sympathize most warmly with Turkey, or rather hate most cordially her foe. Whatever willingness may be exhibited to forgive their own Emperor for the part he took in 1848, there is not the least trace of it for his ally, and no people would rejoice more at the humiliation or even the destruction of Austria. In Vienna one hears the sentiments of the Austrian people expressed in the most unmeasured terms in connexion with the people than by a study of the newspapers. Here is a population brought together into all provinces of the Empire, Italy, Germans, Hungarians, Slavonians, Poles, Italians, Greeks, &c., and a not inconsiderable intermixture with the people, intimate one to say that nine-tenths are friendly to Turkey and without looking for an explanation of this in a dislike to Russia, or even to a fear of a reduction of Austrian importance by the establishment of the great Sclavonic power on their southern frontier, one is at no loss to find sufficient ground for it in a wise forethought for the preservation of the material and commercial interests of the people. Austria is a commercial nation, and the free navigation of the Danube and Dardanelles, to a degree which will be apparent to any one who will examine the map of Europe. The mouth, and banks of this river, are in the hands of Austria, and Russia, would be a blow to American commerce, and American interests, that would paralyze the industry of the country. And the reappearance of the Sclavonic provinces would be to the Austrian Empire, what the Austrian would be to the people. Austria is a nation whose political interests are advancing every day with colossal strides, and the commercial interests makes common cause with the hatred of Russia on this question.

Austria in the view of the case when we look upon Russia as successful, but the probabilities all point to the other way, and Austria, allied with Austria as her ally, opens up a horizon for the commercial energy of Austria quite as boundless as anything the world has known since the days of Rome. The people already profoundly [illegible] and still further [illegible] by the [illegible] of their interests and history, would not be slow to profit by the boon of unrestricted commerce, and the throne under their [illegible] would be [illegible] by the [illegible] of the people.

Still, I think, it would be a mistake, to suppose that the true [illegible] of Austria may be [illegible], for [illegible] it to be counsels of [illegible] may be [illegible], but [illegible] it to be counsels of [illegible] may be [illegible], for [illegible] it to be counsels of [illegible] may be [illegible], for [illegible] it to be counsels of [illegible] may be [illegible], for

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Congressional News.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.
FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

On the 20th, the Senate was not held before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the claim of the State of Texas. Referred to a committee of three Senators.

The President also laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which was referred, for one year, from the 4th of March, 1853, to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dodge presented several petitions from citizens of Iowa, praying for the passage of a law granting pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands. Referred.

Mr. Rusk presented a petition from citizens of Texas, praying for the passage of a law granting bounty land to the officers and soldiers of the Texas revolution. Referred.

Mr. Rusk's motion was agreed to, and in close executive session the Senate took up and confirmed the nomination of Mr. Gadsden, as Minister to Mexico.

Mr. Rusk submitted a resolution, which was agreed to, directing the Secretary of War to communicate to the Senate the number of persons employed in the Quartermaster's department in Texas, and the compensation allowed to each.

Mr. Weller, of California, presented the memorial of the Legislature of California, praying the passage of a law for the improvement of the navigation of the Sacramento river. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Weller also presented the memorial of the Legislature of California, praying the passage of a law for the construction of a railroad to the Pacific. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Weller presented the memorial of the Legislature of California, praying the passage of a law for the construction of a military road from Fort Reading to the Oregon line

Selected Poetry.

FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE.

"Would you be free from your losses?
Would you be free from your crosses?
Then learn to be wise in time;
Don't stand with your head in the clouds,
Or you'll get it cracked by the crowds,
And have to go home in rhyme.

"Don't stop for the men who sell pens,
Or you'll never get rich;
And if to a purse you've designs,
Don't stop for the men who sell twine.
The rule of the road is this:
Keep straight on, and don't stop for trifles,
But mind your own business."

So I did, and I've got a purse,
And I have what is better,
A heart that beats
Right under my breast,
And a conscience to make it lighter.
The rule of the road I've found
Is a thing that is worth repeating,
And I'll tell it to you
Before I've done
With the story I'm now entreating.

"Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to fail,
Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to win,
Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to lose,
Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to sin."

Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to rise,
Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to fall,
Don't mind the man who says
You're certain to be
Most anything, good or bad,
But mind the man who says
You're certain to mind
Your own affairs,
And let other folks' affairs
Entirely alone,
And attend to your own affairs
Entirely yourself.

Don't tell tales out of school,
Don't tell tales in school,
Don't tell tales anywhere,
Don't tell tales at all,
Unless it be
Some tale you tell yourself
About yourself,
And don't tell that
Unless you have to.

Don't be simple,
Don't be cunning,
Don't be lazy,
Don't be busy,
Don't be anxious,
Don't be careless,
Don't be selfish,
Don't be selfish,
Don't be selfish